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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, RO, US  
SUBJ: GOR PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN ON MINORITY NATION-  
ALITIES

1. SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TO KIRALY LETTER, ROMANIAN MEDIA  
EMBARKED ON CAMPAIGN STRESSING QUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR  
ALL ROMANIANS, REGARDLESS OF ETHNIC ORIGINS. MAGYAR AND  
GERMAN WORKERS' COUNCILS IN SIXTEEN JUDETE HAVE BEEN MOBI-  
LIZED IN THIS EFFORT TO CREATE A PUBLIC RECORD GOR CAN  
POINT TO IN REFUTATION ANY CHARGES IT OPPRESSES MINORITIES,  
AND PERHAPS ALSO TO MOVE TOWARD IMPROVEMENTS FOR WHICH GOR  
CAN CLAIM CREDIT.

2. FOR MORE THAN A MONTH ROMANIAN MEDIA HAVE BEEN EMBARKED  
ON CAMPAIGN STRESSING EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL RO-  
MANIANS REGARDLESS OF THENIC ORIGINS, AND ILLUSTRATING FULL  
PARTICIPATION WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OF MINORITY NATIONAL-  
ITIES IN ALL SPHERES OF SOCIALIST ROMANIA'S NATIONAL  
LIFE. PRESS CAMPAIGN HAS INCLUDED SUCH FEATURES AS:  
-- ARTICLES (AND REPREINTS THEREOF) BY MAGYARS AND GER-  
MANS STRESSING FRATERNITY AND SOLIDARITY OF THEIR  
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ETHNIC BRETHREN WITH EACH OTHER AND ETHNIC ROMANIANS  
AND PRAISING PARTY'S POLICY ON NATIONALITIES;  
-- COMMENTARY ON CULTURAL ACTIVITIES THAT GROUP ROMAN-  
IAN-HUNGARIAN-GERMAN EXAMPLES TOGETHER;  
-- PARTICULAR EFFORT TO NOTE WITH APPROVAL PUBLICATIONS  
BY MAGYAR WRITERS AND ACTIVITIES BY MAGYAR THEATER  
GROUPS, NOTING ESTEEM THEY ENJOY IN ROMANIA AND

MANNER IN WHICH "MAGYAR CREATIVITY FLOURISHES IN CLIMATE OF FULL FREEDOM AND EQUALITY OF OUR SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY" AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NATIONAL CULTURAL SCENE;

-- FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN ROMANIA LIBERA BY MAGYAR VICE PRESIDENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PEOPLES' COUNCIL OF TIRGU MURES JUDET (KIRALY'S FORMER HOME) OBVIOUSLY INTENDED AS REBUTTAL OF KIRALY'S CHARGES, CITING MAGYAR ACTIVITIES AND NOTING INCREASE IN LOCAL RADIO BROADCASTS IN BOTH ROMANIAN AND HUNGARIAN LANGUAGES;  
-- MENTION (IN CONNECTION WITH 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNION OF COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST PARTIES) OF RESULTING UNITY OF NATIONALITIES;  
-- INCLUSION OF STATISTICS ON ETHNIC MINORITIES IN COVERAGE OF NATIONAL EVENTS SUCH AS UTC CONFERENCE (SEE BUCHAREST A-9) AND CEAUSESCU VISIT TO TIMISOARA (SCHOOLS AND NEWSPAPERS IN FOUR MINORITY LANGUAGES AND THEATERS IN TWO).

2. AT SAME TIME, PERHAPS AS VEILED REMINDER OF HOW BENIGN GOR NATIONALITIES POLICY IS BY COMPARISON WITH POLICIES OF PAST HUNGARIAN REGIMES, PAPERS HAVE LAUDED TWO WORKS ON THE HUNGARIAN OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN TRANSYLVANIA DURING WORLD WAR II. ONE ARTICLE (IN CONTEMPORANUL) WAS ENTITLED "AGAINST HORTHYIST TERROR" AND PRAIEUD WORK WITH WHICH IT DEALT FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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BRINGING TO LIGHT EXPERIENCES OF ROMANIANS DURING "A PERIOD VERY BRIEFLY TREATED IN HISTORY TEXTS AND STUDIES."

3. MARCH 10 ISSUE OF SCINTEIA FRONT-PAGES IN LONG ARTICLE RECENT PLENARY MEETINGS OF MAGYAR AND GERMAN WORKERS' COUNCILS IN THE SIXTEEN JUDETE OF TRANSYLVANIA AND THE BANAT. MEETINGS OF THESE COUNCILS SEEM TO OCCUR IRREGULARLY AND OFTEN BARELY MERIT A PASSING NOTE IN SCINTEIA. WHEN MEETINGS OCCUR SIMULTANEOUSLY, AS THEY ALSO DID AFTER LAST YEAR'S EARTHQUAKE, IT IS IN RESPONSE TO GOR INITIATIVE TO MOBILIZE POPULATION. RECENT CONFABS MIGHT BE TERMED "SOLIDARITY MEETINGS", FOR THEY INCLUDED, BESIDES THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCILS,

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REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL ORGANS OF PARTY AND STATE  
AND OF "SOME ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MASSES AND THE  
COMMUNITIES."

4. THE PHRASE "WITHOUT REGARD TO NATIONALITY" OCCURS  
REPEATEDLY IN EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR PARTY  
POLICY ON NATIONALITIES, RECOGNITION OF BENEFITS ACCRU-  
ING TO NATIONALITIES DURING CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN  
AND PLEDGES OF DEDICATION TO PARTY POLICIES AND  
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND IN TELEGRAMS TO THE CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE AND TO CEAUSESCU EXPRESSING FERVID ADMIRATION  
FOR THEIR GREAT CONCERN FOR ALL THE PEOPLE AND DEEP  
FAITH IN PARTY POLICIES "WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE IN-  
TERESTS AND FUNDAMENTAL ASPIRATIONS OF OUR NATION."  
THE PARTICIPANTS STRESSED THEIR FULL INVOLVEMENT IN  
COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT, AND EDUCA-  
TIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THEIR MOTHER TONGUES.  
THEY ALSO MADE, IT IS STATED, NUMEROUS PROPOSALS FOR  
BETTER USE OF HUMAN AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES IN THEIR  
JUDETE AND FOR IMPROVING "STYLE AND METHODS" OF  
COUNCITHNV ACOZVITIES. THESE LOCAL MEETINGS WILL PRE-  
SUMABLY BE FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS OF TWO NATIONAL ETHNIC  
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COUNCILS.

5. COMMENT: GOR HAS GENERATED CAMPAIGNS OF THIS  
SORT BEFORE WHEN ITS TREATMENT OF ETHNIC MINORITIES  
HAS BEEN CHALLENGED FROM ABROAD--USUALLY BY HUNGARIAN  
ORGANIZATIONS IN U.S. KIRALY LETTER MAY BE NON-EVENT  
AS FAR AS GOR AND ROMANIAN MEDIA ARE CONCERNED, BUT

IT IS ALMOST CERTAINLY PROXIMATE, IF UNMENTIONABLE,  
CAUSE OF CURRENT CAMPAIGN, START OF WHICH FOLLOWED  
CLOSELY UPON PULBICATION OF LETTER ABROAD. GOR UN-  
DOUBTEDLY EXPECTS LETTER AT SOME POINT WILL GENERATE  
PUBLIC REACTION FROM HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS AND IS  
CREATING PUBLIC RECORD TO WHICH IT CAN POINT AS RE-  
FUTATION OF CHARGES IT OPPRESSES MINORITIES. AT  
SAME TIME, USE OF MEETINGS TO VENT "NUMEROUS PRO-  
POSALS" AND CRACK WHIP FOR BETTER "STYLE AND METHODS"  
ALSO SUGGESTS GOR MAY BE MOVING TOWARD SMALL IMPROVE-  
MENTS IN ACTUAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MINORITIES  
LIVE, CHARACTERISTICALLY TAGGING LOCAL LEADRS FOR  
PREVIOUS SHORTCOMINGS IN ORDER TO GARNER PUBLIC CREDIT  
FOR IMPROVEMENTS ITSELF.  
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